

Vettiner Park Master Plan

Louisville, Kentucky



Louisville Metro Parks

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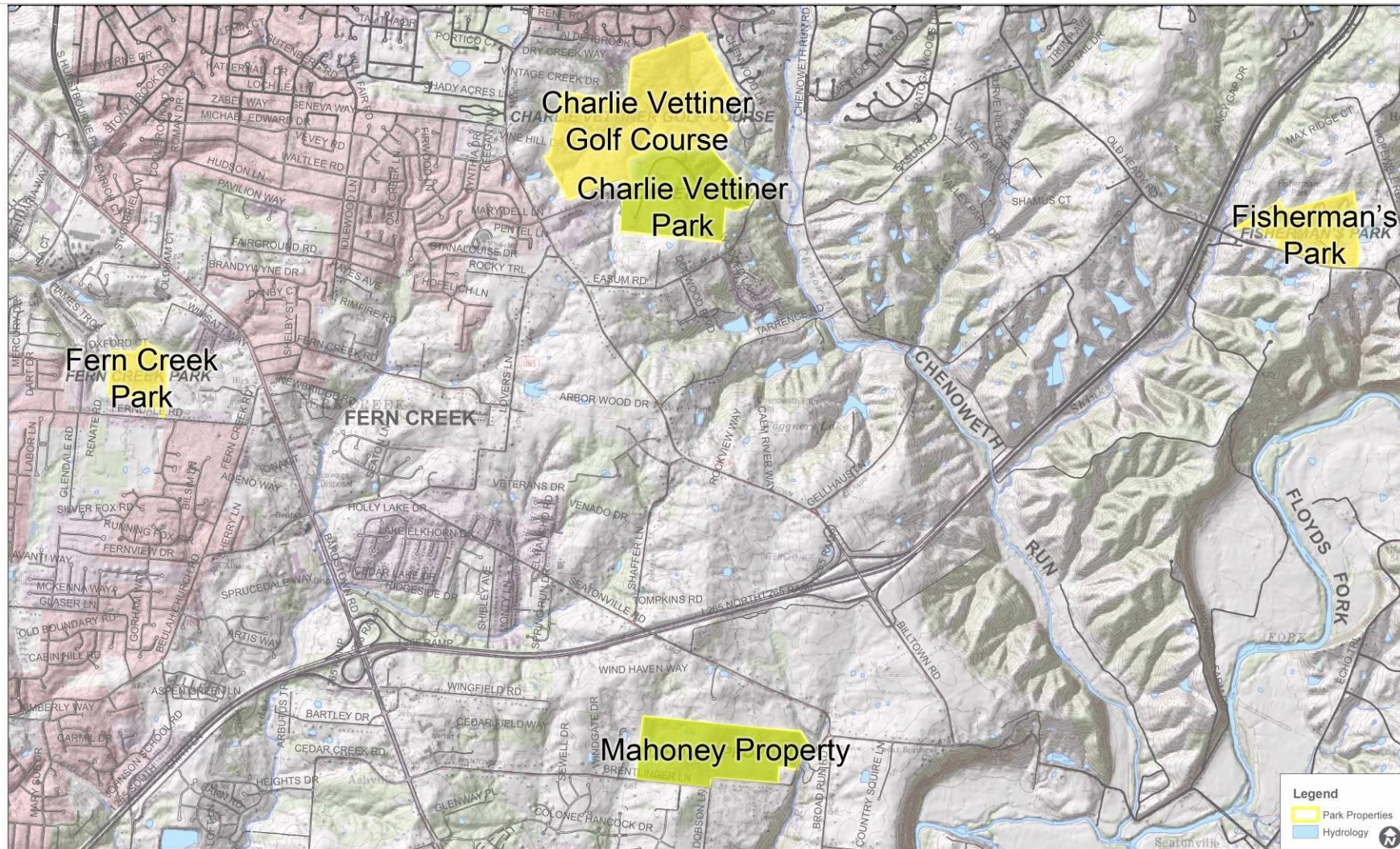
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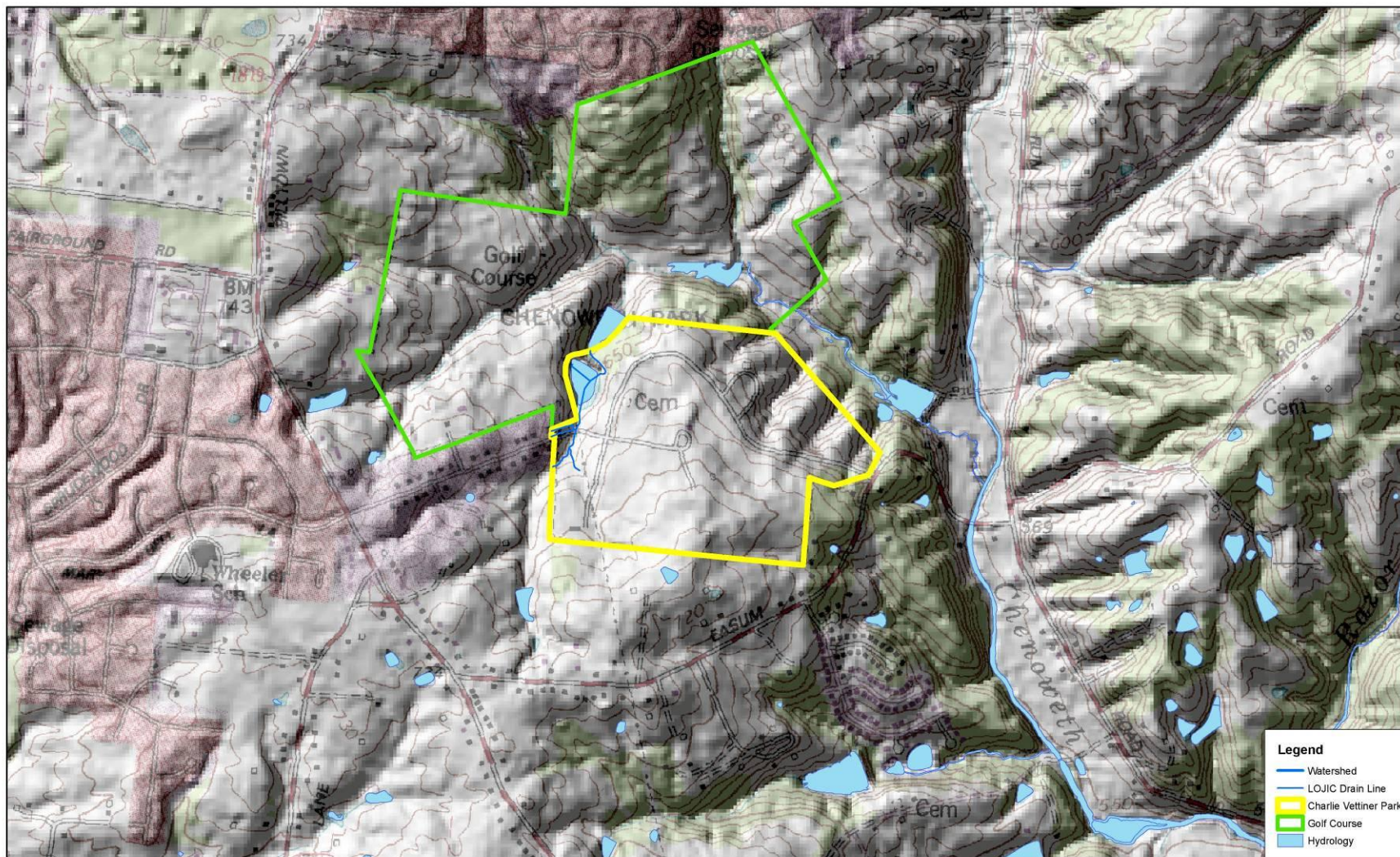
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Context Map



Site Inventory



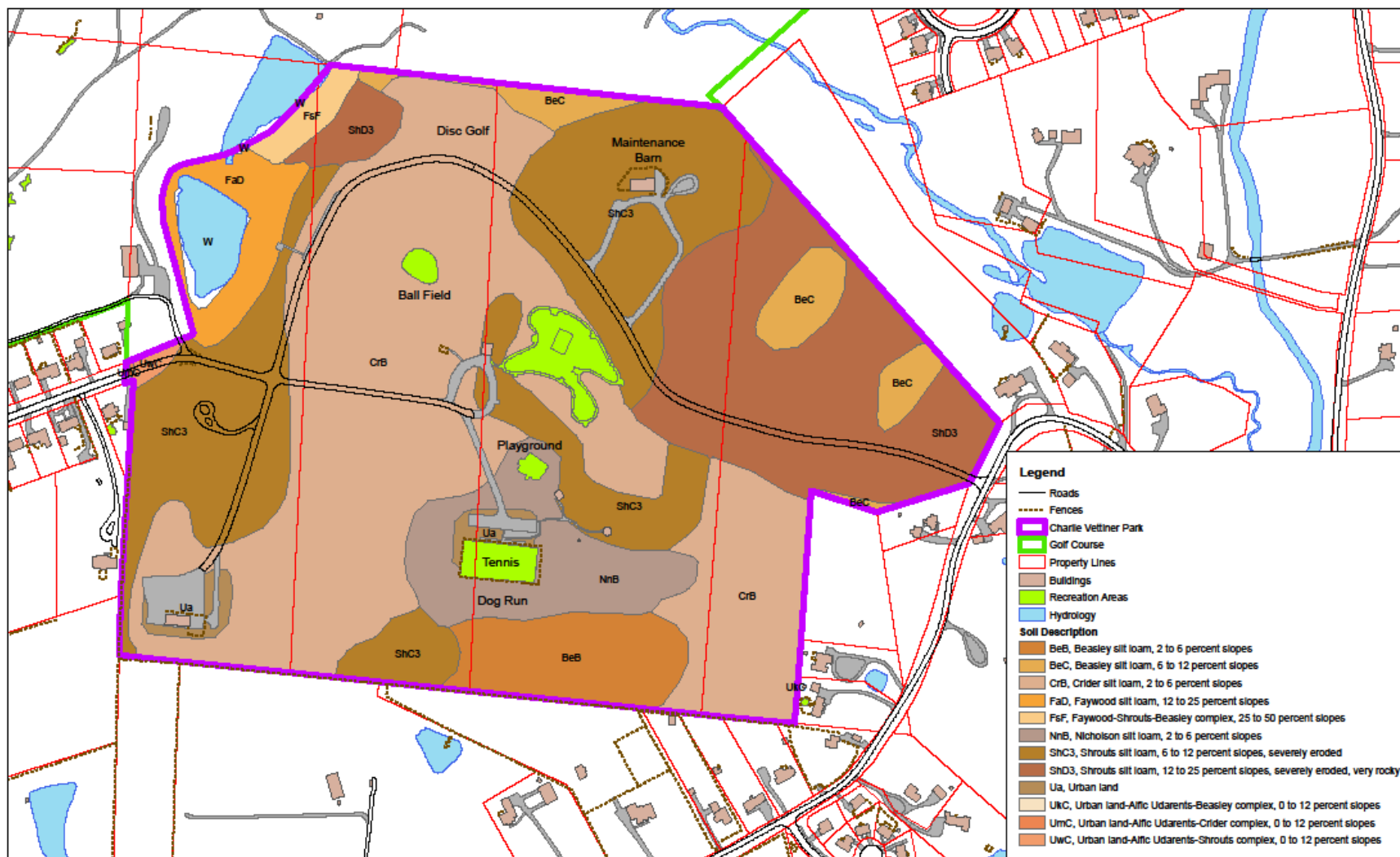
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Charlie Vettiner Park - Hydrology Map



0 400 800 1,600 2,400 Feet

Site Inventory



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Charlie Vettiner Park Soil Composition



0 150 300 600 900 1,200 Feet

Site Inventory

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Final Public Report

December 24, 2009

Cultural History of Charlie Vettiner Park Jefferson County, Kentucky

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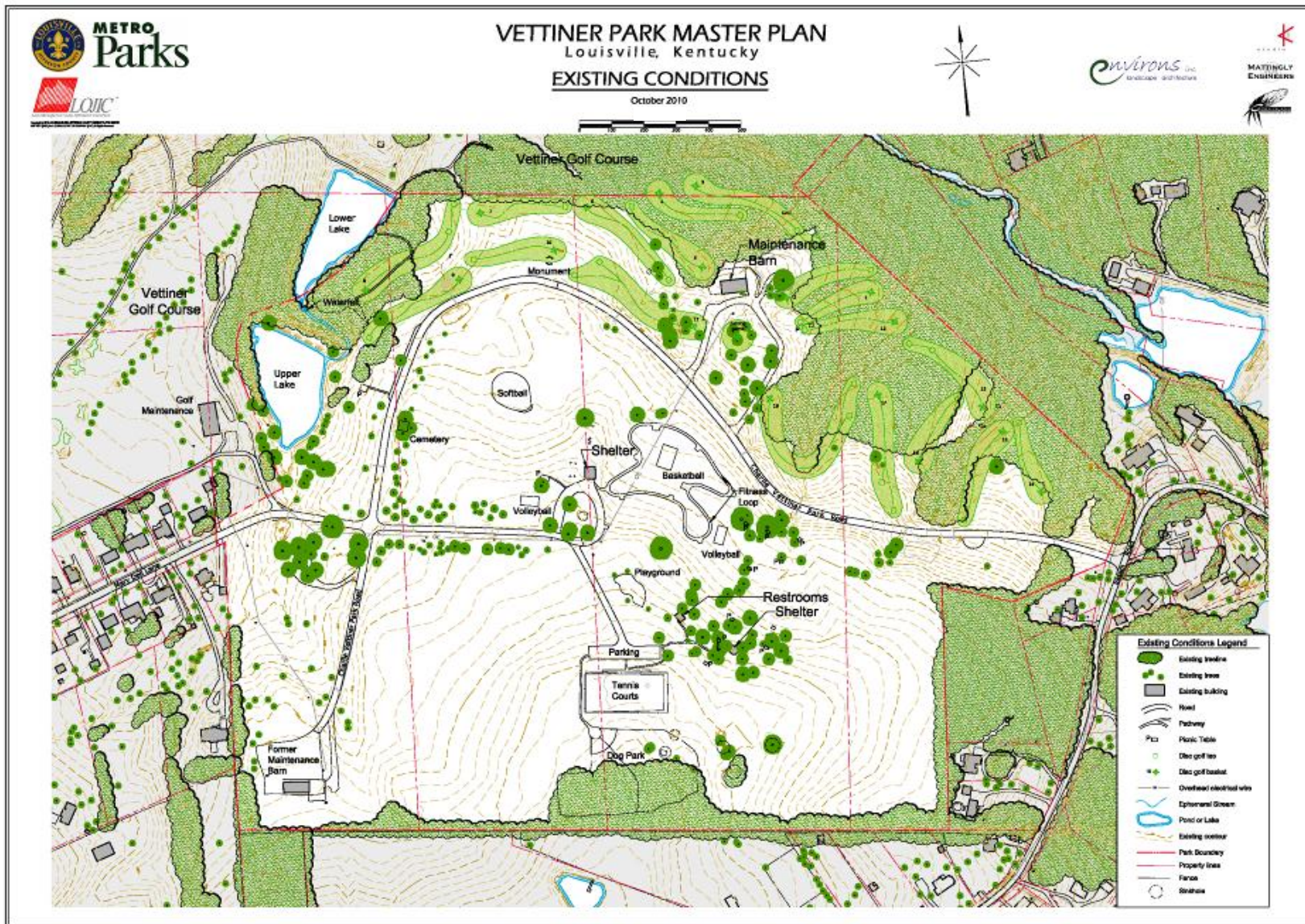
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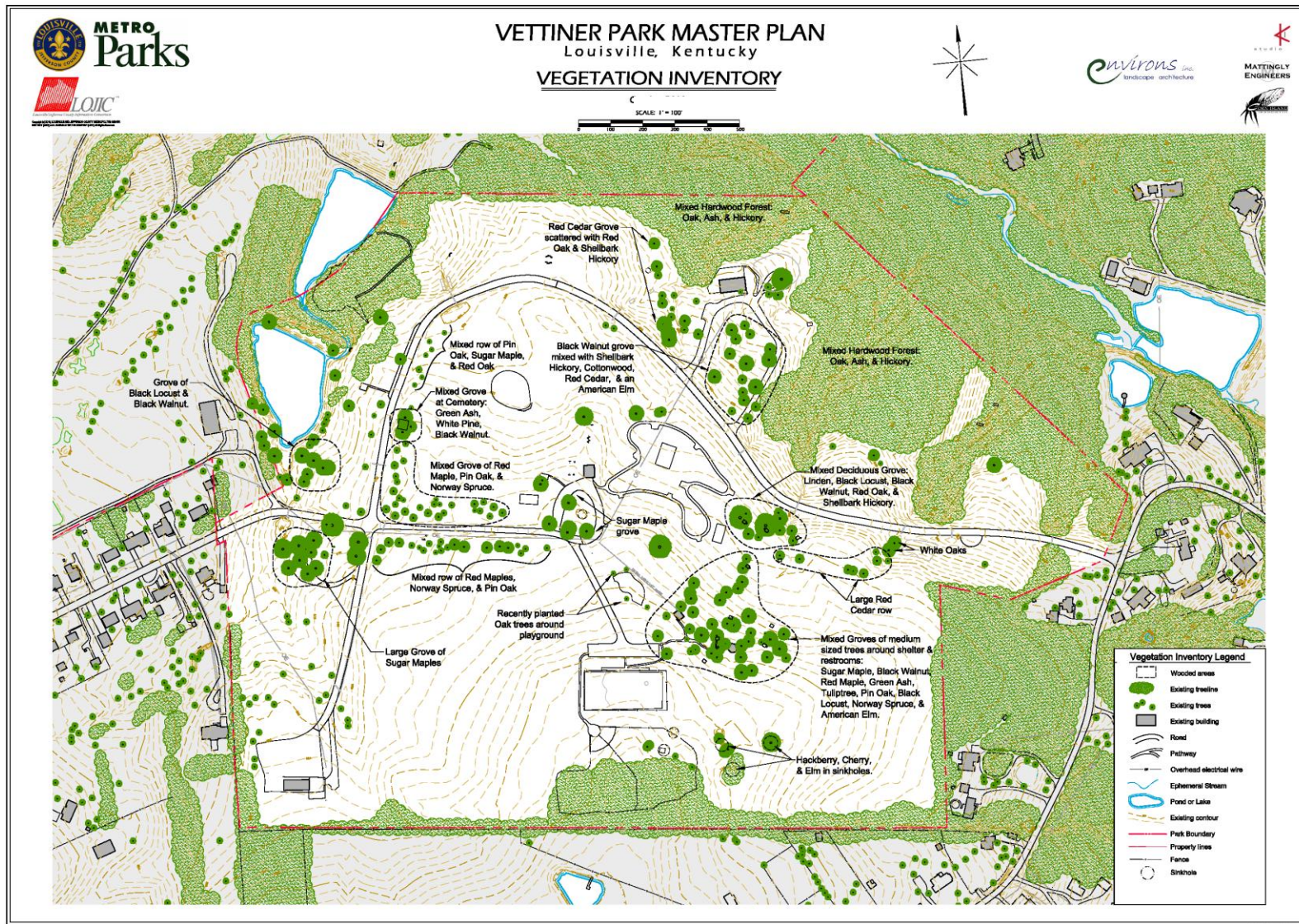
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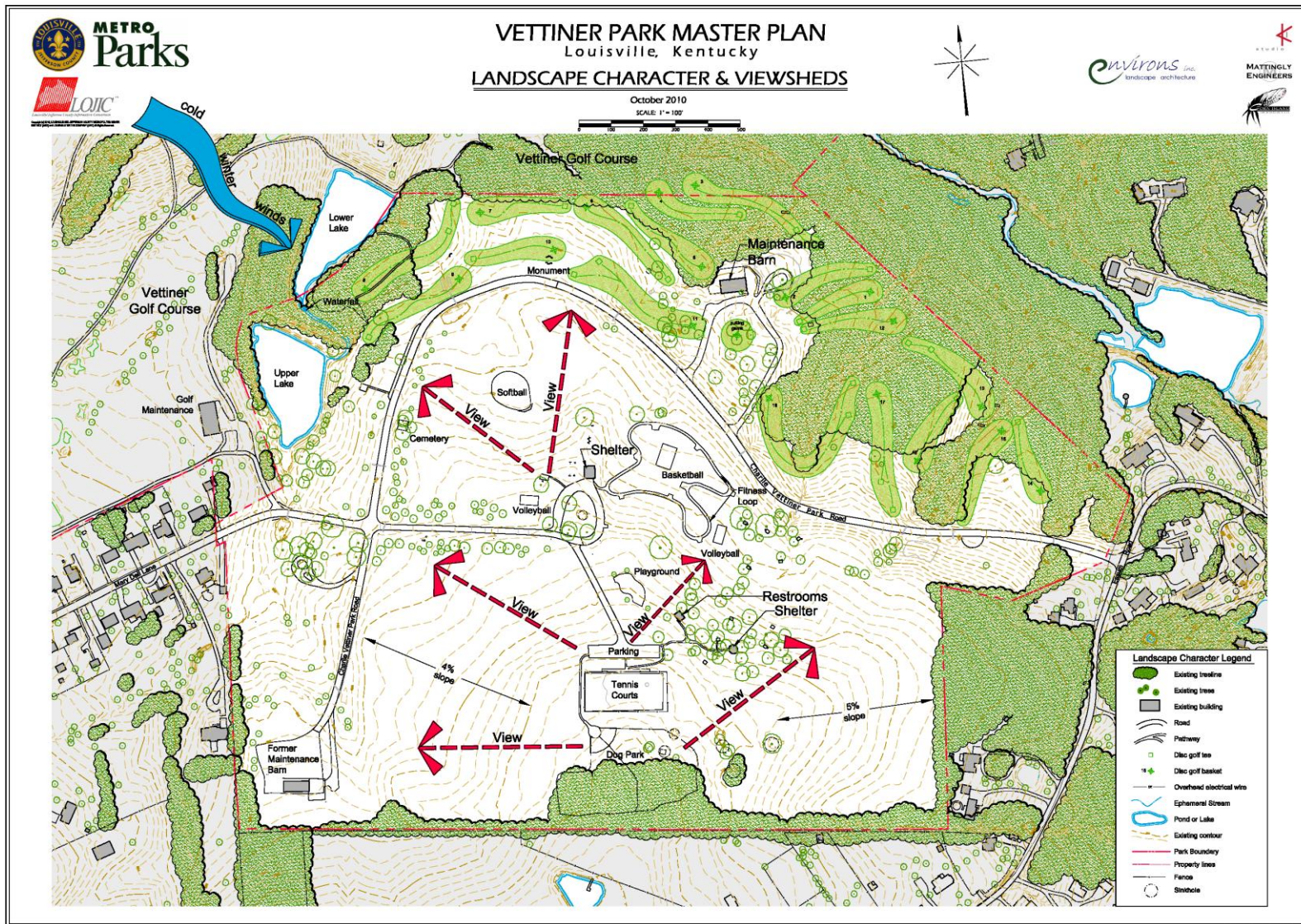
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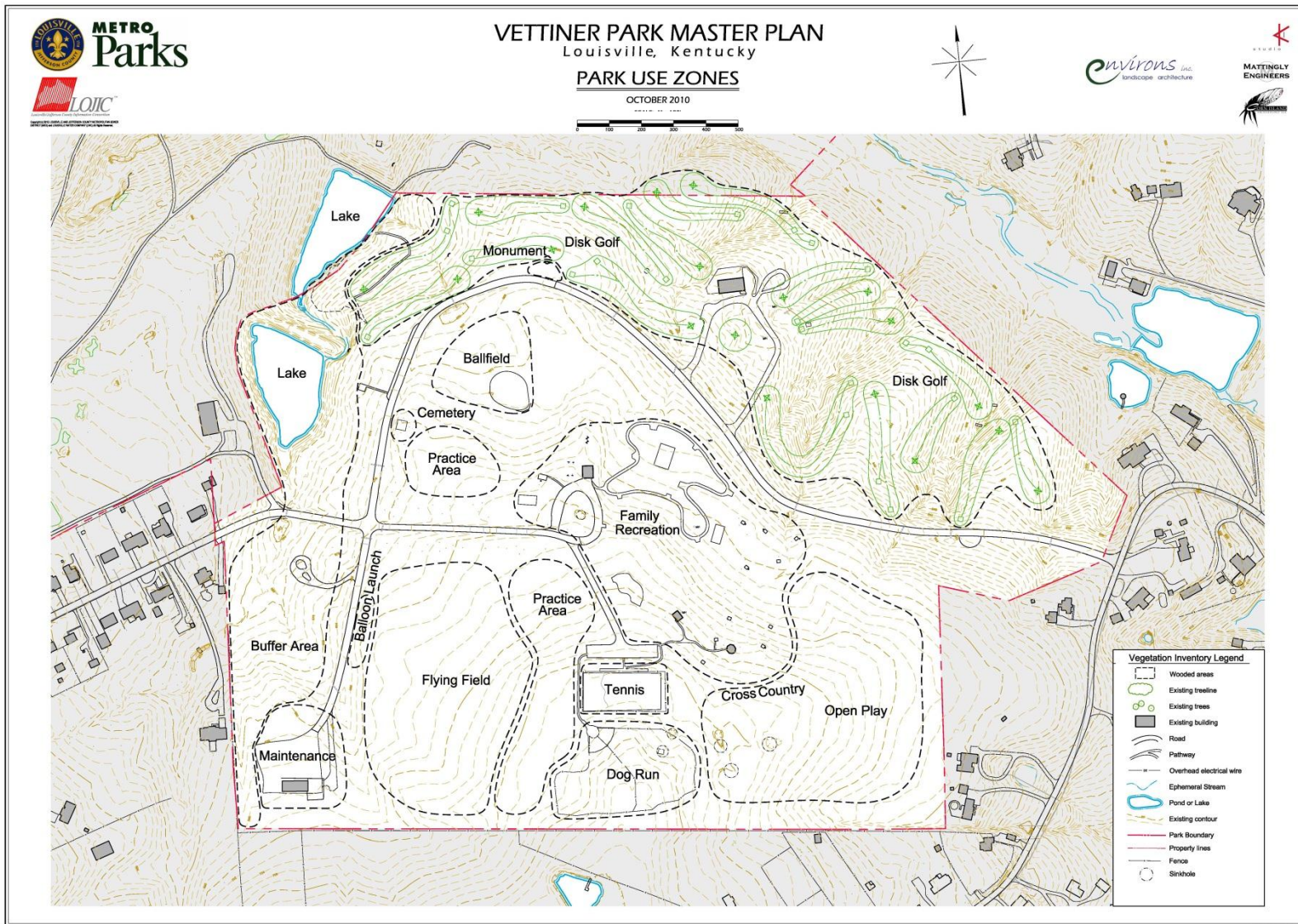
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Aerial Photographs



Stakeholder Feedback

Online Survey Summary – 18 Respondents

- 78% visit the park at least once per month.
- 65% use the park at least one hour when visiting.
- 100% visit the park between 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- 78% travel to the park by car.
- 63% of drivers, drive less than 5 minutes to get there.
- 84% come to the park with others.
- 52% of the children visiting the park are under 7.

User Satisfaction:

People are very satisfied with: general maintenance, cleanliness/litter pick-up, storm drainage, access to the park & within the park, condition of the turf, condition of the trees & shrubs, views/vistas/scenery, the playground, and the condition of the dog run.

People are somewhat satisfied with: safety & security, conditions of roadways, walkways, picnic pavilion, restrooms, signs, lighting, picnic areas, conduct of other users, exercise loop, level of usage, and opportunities for field sports.

People are not very satisfied with: parking availability, lack of benches, and lack of drinking fountains.

Top 10 Activities at Vettiner Park

1. Relax
2. Leisure walking
2. Enjoy Nature
4. Picnic
4. Enjoy view and vistas
4. Use the Playground
4. Use the Exercise Loop
8. Walk a dog
8. Sit at a Table or Bench
10. Attend Organized Activities

Stakeholder Feedback

What do you like best about the park?

- Naturalistic feel of the park, openness, green space and views/scenery
- Location and size of park
- Dog Run
- Playground
- Proximity to house

What do you like least about the park?

- Road and traffic conditions make it unsafe for pedestrians, bicyclists, and park users
- Playground is not toddler friendly
- Needs more benches and drinking fountains
- Lack of walking paths
- Poor pedestrian connections into park from Mary Dell Lane

Share thoughts about the look and feel of the park?

- Leave it natural
- Increase traffic safety for children
- Improve playground for younger children/toddlers

What ideas do you have to improve the park?

- Improve vehicular circulation to reduce speed and increase safety
- New sprayground
- More parking
- More walking/jogging paths
- Create spaces for family and group activities

Survey Responses

"People are forced to park along the road in the grass because of a lack of parking lots in that area."

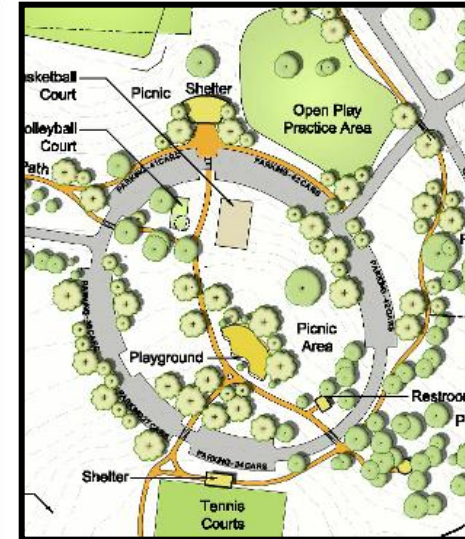
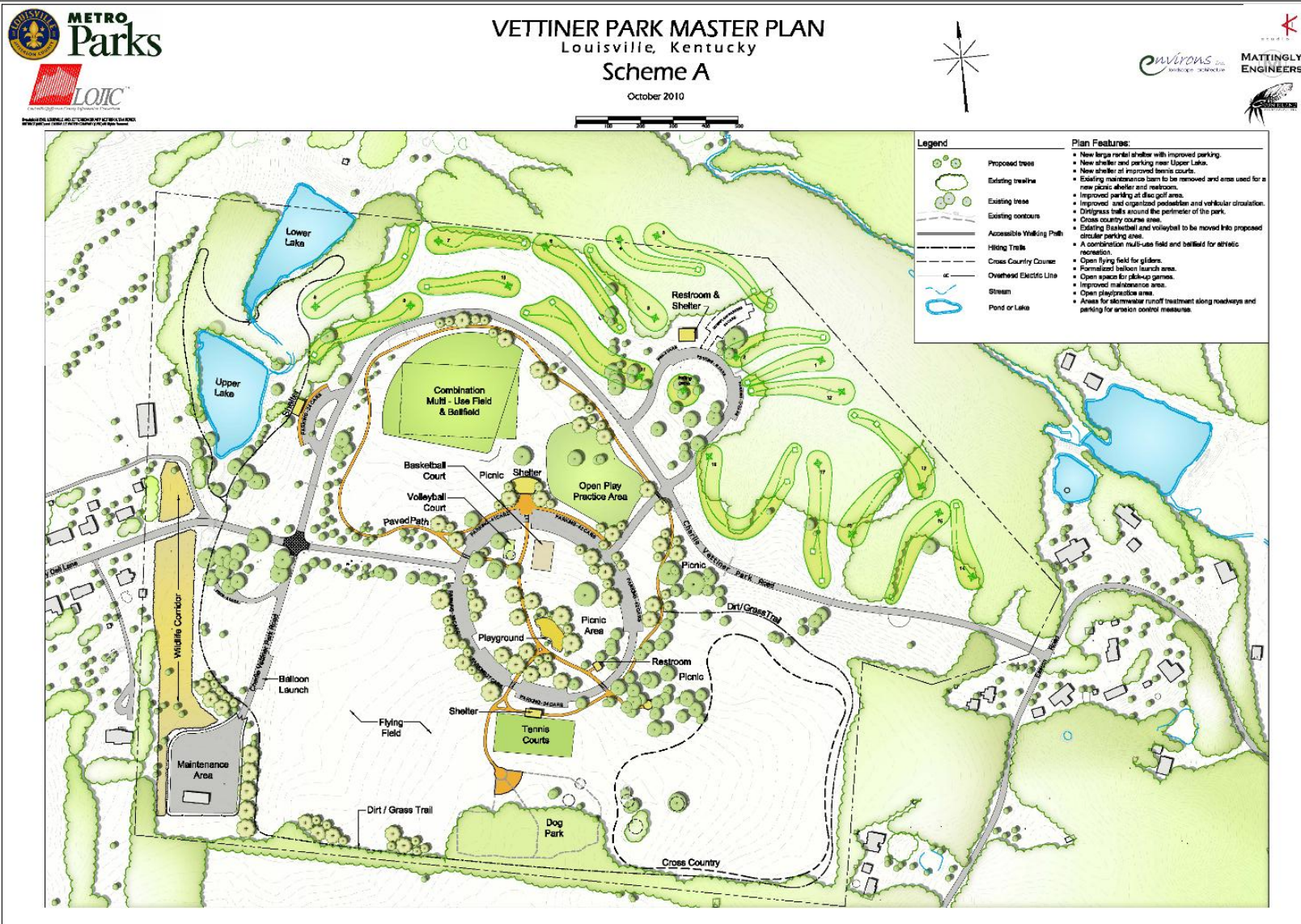
"Add a splash park area- this is a high need of mine and I think it is time for a Metro Parks to install a splash park for children in eastern Jefferson County."

"I love the overall atmosphere of the park, but wish it had less commuter traffic that causes me to worry about the safety of my children."

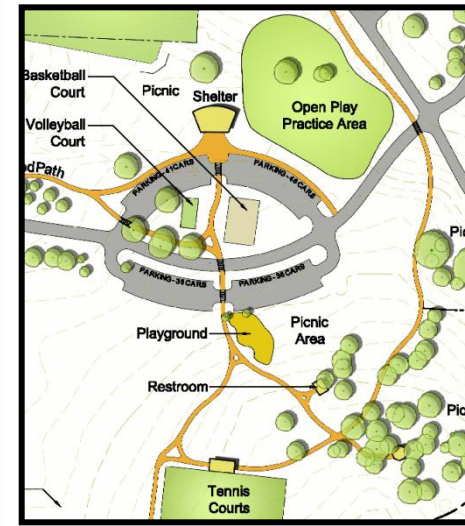
"The park is beautiful, but because of a lack of walking paths, the majority of it goes on unused."

"Running to park via Mary Dell, I encounter speeding cars not providing room for pedestrians."

Master Plan Options-presented October 11, 2010



Scheme B



Scheme C

Scheme D



Proposed plan features:

- Improved and organized pedestrian and vehicular circulation and parking.
- Traffic calming measures on the park roads and Mary Dell Lane.
- A new large rental shelter with improved parking near the existing shelter in the center of the park.
- A spray play area and playground improvements.
- A new shelter and restroom in place of the existing maintenance barn with improved parking for disc golf.
- A new shelter and parking lot overlooking the upper lake.
- A new shelter at the tennis courts.
- A two-thirds mile multi-use paved accessible pathway in the interior of the park.
- An improved ballfield and multi-use field for multiple sports.
- Hiking trails around the perimeter of the park.
- A new regional maintenance facility will be built in the southwest corner of the park.
- A wildlife habitat corridor in the swales on the west side of the park.

Scheme E



Proposed plan features:

- Improved and organized pedestrian and vehicular circulation and parking with a loop drive that separates vehicles from pedestrians.
- Traffic calming measures on the park roads and Mary Dell Lane.
- A new large rental shelter with parking at the highpoint of the park.
- A new restroom near the playground.
- New tennis courts in an active recreation area by the existing ballfield.
- An improved ballfield and multi-use field for multiple sports and basketball.
- A one mile long paved loop walk around park interior with multiple loops totaling one & two-thirds miles.
- A spray play area and playground improvements .
- A new shelter and restroom in place of the existing maintenance barn with improved parking for disc golf.
- A new shelter and parking overlooking the upper lake.
- Hiking trails around the lakes.
- A new regional maintenance facility will be built in the southwest corner of the park.
- A wildlife habitat corridor in the swales on the west side of the park.

Neighborhood Access Study





Cost Estimate and Phasing Plan

1. Loop road, Walking Path, Parking & Dog Run	\$2,158,000
2. Large Shelter, Interior Walks & Recreation Complex	\$2,323,000
3. Lake Overlook Shelter & Parking	\$263,000
4. Disc Golf Area Improvements	\$546,000
5. Miscellaneous Improvements	\$595,000
Grand Total	\$5,885,000

Discussion